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GRAND RAPIDS, WEDNESDAY JULY 14.

CANCELLATION LAST WEEK.
Sunday, July 4. 5,360
Tuesday, July 6. 4,604
Wednesday, July 7. 4,614
Thursday, July 8. 4,630
Friday, July 9. 4,728
Saturday, July 10. 4,782

Total for six days 28,768

Daily average. 4,794

What a fine time CLEVELAND would have if he could only get rid of Congress.

The early closing movement should be presented to Congress for endorsement.

LOUIS MICHAEL says she hopes to come to America after death, when her soul migrates. If it flies, defend us!

The masculine girl must go. Miss GRUNDTZ declares there is a prejudice against her which is growing stronger and stronger.

HENRY WATSON says he believes himself to be a lunatic. We can hardly credit the assertion. A lunatic would not have the sense to acknowledge his condition.

The Lansing Journal gets off a good joke on itself whether consciously or not, when it says that truth in journalism is no theoretical subject for journalists to discuss.

The New York Star is at a loss to know what a man does when he rises in a street car. He probably mimes on the reprehensible conduct of editors who ask such fool questions.

What has become of the Kansas weather prophet who was predicting frost in July? The only frost in this state so far seem to have blighted the pocket books of the Detroit base ball ranks.

The Conservatives have made a sport and are a little ahead in the Parliamentary race just now, but the turn will be reached soon and the Home Rule crew are bound to win on the home stretch.

Banion's circus is here today. We trust the managers will not fail to inspect our city water. They will find some wonderful specimens in it and perhaps the city might dispose of a few to their advantage and to our profit.

The Republican Senate has been kinder to the Democratic Commissioners of Penitentiary and of Patients than the Democratic House. The House proposed to cut their salaries down to \$4,000 a year, while the Senate made the amount \$5,000.

A jury ought now to pronounce Guzman innocent without leaving their seats. A few other cranks might then be induced to forgo their plan of taking their lives in their hands by attempting to ride the rapids in a tub or across the Atlantic in a row-boat.

The short, driving rain yesterday afternoon lasted just long enough to wash down the dirt into the water which has been accumulating along the banks of Goldbeek and the city frog pond. Some new specimens have doubtless been added to the menagerie.

Congressman WILLIAM C. MATHERN, of the First District, it is predicted, will slip his casting vote into the ring for the Senate's trial against Mrs. M. BRADDOCK. We should imagine that Mr. MATHERN would make a very fair show as such a candidate, especially as he would have the full support of the Bourbon wing of the party.

Col. GILDED, who was with SWINFIELD in the Sir John Franklin expedition and who was on board the Resolute when she turned north of Siberia, goes as the representative of the New York Herald to run the American flag up the North Pole. If any flag is to be hoisted to the flagstaffs of several empires we hope it will be the stars and stripes, but we have our private opinion of the men who attempt to put it there. Good bye, Gildey.

The new "Harper's Magazine" which is to be issued by Charles Scribner's Sons, of New York, will no doubt be condemned by some of the Century, which was called Scribner's for nothing. The publishers intend to take their time and will not publish the monthly until everything is ready, which will probably not be until the last of the year at least. The literary world will look forward with much interest to its appearance, being confident from the reputation of the publishers that the magazine will be a valuable acquisition to the world of books.

GOV. SWINEFORD'S LETTER.

The Telegram-Herald esteems so unanimously toward Governor SWINEFORD, that it is compelled to say that his open letter to Attorney General EMMETT is commendable to him. There is too much of Bilingege in it and too few facts or arguments. He calls Mr. T. F. Richards a liar and says his fingers in his face, without giving any good reason why he has not made a report to the Board of State Auditors. This journal knows from its own experience that the charge that Mr. Richards has given newspapers or publicity to the charges against Mr. Swineford as a New Orleans Exposition Commissioner is not true. He has always been extremely reticent in regard to the matter and it has been next to impossible to obtain any information whatever about the case from him. When his report to Governor ALLEN had been completed he absolutely refused to give any intimation as to the character of the contents. Governor ALLEN called upon him as Attorney General to investigate the trifles of the charges made against SWINEFORD. He simply complied with the Governor's instructions, sealed his report and sent it to the Governor, at the same time mailing a copy to Mr. SWINEFORD. He could not have done less and done his duty to the State. As to Mr. EMMETT sending the original copy to the Senate Committee on Territories, we do not suppose that Governor SWINEFORD expects anyone to accept this statement seriously. We are not aware that the Attorney General has ever charged Mr. SWINEFORD with misappropriating the funds he had, but has only asked that he render an account, as the other members of the Commission did. All this talk on the part of SWINEFORD about a "stab in the back" cowardice, etc., is mere nonsense. If it is intended to create sympathy, it will fail wherever the facts are known. The climax of absurdity seems to be reached, however, when the Governor charges Mr. T. F. RICHARDS with paying CARROLL's claim. Mr. SWINEFORD's whole letter is written upon the theory that Mr. TAXANT made the investigation and the report at his own instance, instead of its being an investigation ordered by Governor ALLEN, and wants to know why he waited till Mr. SWINEFORD had gone to Alaska, and asks whether his report to the Governor was a proceeding necessary to the collection of the money. Those were matters over which Mr. T. F. RICHARDS had no control. But Mr. SWINEFORD credits the Attorney General with having assumed the functions, not only of Governor, but apparently of all the other officers of the State. When Gov. SWINEFORD essayed to escape rendering an account on the ground that the \$1,000 he took never belonged to the State, while the \$4,000 the other Commissioners took did become State funds, he crawled out of a very small hole and one which he has been a very long time finding.

THE NEW POSTAL LAW.

For some time past the Postmaster General has been flooded with petitions signed by business men asking for certain amendments in the postal laws, and he complied so far as to permit the transmission through the mails of liquids not liable to explosion or spontaneous combustion, or ignition by shock or jar, and not inflammable; soft soaps, pastes, confections, ointments, salves and similar articles will be passed. This is an admirable law, especially that clause which admits the transmission of soft soap.

There has long been a growing desire on our part to send some slight token of esteem to a number of people, and these could not have been invented a more suitable present than a nice bottle of soft soap. We shall take advantage of the new law in an early date and present the gift to the people. The case will be contained in a piece of paper. He says he did not know there was any harm in it. It is said that he has collected over \$4,000 on the strength of it.

A FOOLISH YOUNG MAN.

Oliver C. Smith, a respectably connected young man was brought up in Police Court yesterday on the charge of vagrancy. Complaint had previously made that he was begging on the strength of a paper bearing the forged signature of Mayor Dikeman. It appears that Mayor Dixman did sign a paper, Peters informing him that he wished to collect enough money to purchase a wooden leg, but the paper becoming worn out by frequent usage, Peters re-wrote the writing on a new piece of paper. He says he did not know there was any harm in it.

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THE ALPHA CLUB.

The Alpha Club presented the play, "Cast Thy Bread Upon the Waters," at the residence of Dr. J. W. Whitfield, No. 124 Sheldon, last evening. "The Fiery Heart of the Family" will be given by the club at its next meeting. The play last evening was the first given by the club and its presentation displayed amateur ability worthy of a commendatory mention.

SPRIT OF THE STATE PRESS.

A Bay City Attraction. Should President Cleveland really make his tour about the lakes he must surely come to Bay City. He will be fully repaid for the trip by listening to the West Bay City water works whilst for about five minutes.—*Bay City Press.*

THE AMERICAN STATESMAN.

Nowadays when a man goes to Washington and gets home again with a white shirt on his back he is called a statesman.—*Detroit Tribune.*

THE KALAMAZOO SILENT ORGAN.

No mother has much time to differ from her son, when the Kalamazoo Herald or any other sheet speaks of S. C. A. Davis' "imbeciles." It is inviting the most untrained researches on its own mental calendar.—*Detroit Tribune.*

LAUREL STREET.

I have a large live green turtle on exhibition at the Blue Museum which I will sell cheap. Inquire of the Baltimore, Md., B. F. ELMER.

PRESS FRATTLIE.

The Democratic party is as much astounded by its President and is incapable of understanding him as was the old dog which barked but a ducking and was alarmed when he took to the water.—*Benton Herald.*

SIX DAYS ENOUGH.

The store clerks who are agitating for closed shop on Sunday are in the right of it. Six days of shopping, especially grocery shopping, are all sufficient.—*Chicago Daily News.*

AND THE REPORTING STAFF LICENSE.

Nowhere through the frequent events of this week, Perez still in existence and Chicago isn't a greater bigger than it was before.—*Chicago Daily News.*

FATHS IN SEVEN PARADES.

The man who suffers from the hand should rejoice with the reflection that his accident would have to go through Illinois and Indiana to find a greater bigger than it was before.—*Chicago Daily News.*

PERSONAL.

Gov. RANKIN, of Wisconsin, refers to me and the First Regiment of that State, to go into camp at Lake Geneva, on the ground that the troops would have to go through Illinois and Indiana to find a greater bigger than it was before.—*Chicago Daily News.*

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